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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Western Baptist Missionary Union,

— HELD WITH —

THIRD CREEK CHURCH,

— IN ITS —

Fourth Annual Session,

Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23 '79.

Rev. T. BARNWELL, Moderator.

Rev. W. SHUFFORD, Clerk.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 1880.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Western Baptist Missionary Union.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 20, 1879.

We, the ministers and delegates, met with the Western Baptist Missionary Union, at Third Creek Church, Alexander county, N. C, in its third annual session, at 11 o'clock A. *M.*

Rev. M. J. S. Davidson having been appointed, preached the introductory sermon. Sung hymn 1113, "Ye Golden Lamps." Read Hebrews first chapter. Prayer by Rev. A. Jones. Another hymn (781) was sung.

Rev. M. J. S. Davidson was introduced to a small audience, and preached from Romans 13th chapter, 12th verse. Preached a powerful and captivating sermon. Closed with hymn 787. Prayer by Rev. B. Ransom.

The President then in an introductory manner said: "Dear brethren, the veil of the past is soon to be drawn over all the records of the present year, its joys, its sorrows, its moments well spent, &c.

The doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. M. J. S. Davidson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at the hour designated. The President called the Union to order and conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer by Rev. T. Barnwell. The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

On motion of Rev. A. Jones a committee of three on enrollment was appointed: Rev. A. Jones, Bro. A. Rankins, Bro. B. Jingles.

On motion of Rev. B. Ransom the rules of order was read.

On motion of Rev. M. J. S. Davidson the following were appointed a committee on arrangements: Bros. B. *J.* Hand, M. J. S. Davidson, S. Shipp. They reported the following, which was adopted:

To meet at 9 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 12 M; to meet at 2 o'clock and adjourn at pleasure.

Bro. M. J. S. Davidson moved that a fine be imposed upon any one that will leave the house without permission from the Chair.

The Committee on Enrollment beg leave to report: Pine Grove Church, E. Black, F. McKinney; Centre Church, B. Jingles, J. Scott; Springfield Church, B. J. Hand, L. McMackins; Fancy Hill Church, A. R. Rankin, W. R. Wilson; Mt. Sinai Church, T. Barnwell; Bethel Church, N. Derr; Paw Creek Church, T. Barnwell; Gold Hill Church, S. Shipp, L. Hunter: Rock Grove Church, A. Hardy, Washington A. Roberts; St. Peter's Church, W. Clark, L. Hill; Liberty Hill Church, S. Hunsucker, M. Gather; Third Creek Church, M. Thomas, G. Parker; New Prospect Church, Cockrane, Smith; Grove Church, Stevens, M. W. Millsop; Friendship Church, John Redman; Macedonia Church, J. Hines, A. Watts; St. James Curch, W. Turner, Abram Byers; Salem Church, T. Barnwell.

A. BYERS,
W. TURNER.
A. JONES.
A. RANKIN,
B. JINGLES,
Committee.

The rules of order was observed and 35 cents collected.

Bro. A. Ellis moved that a fine be imposed upon sny one who will not rise and address the Moderator.

On motion of Bro. A. Jones, the Secretary was requested to invite Rev. M. Beam to aid in writing.

Bro. Levi Hunter moved that a fine be imposed upon any member of the Union who will spit on the floor.

Bro. A. Elias moved that the Treasurer give competent security for what money he gets.

On motion of Bro. A. Jones a committee of three was appointed on religious exercises, consisting of Bros. B. J. Hand, A. Rankin and L. Hunter.

Bro. M. J. S. Davidson moved that a fine be imposed upon any one eating while in session.

On motion of Bro. E. Black the fines were paid, at present being five cents per head.

On motion of Bro. B. Ransom, Rev. M. J. S. Davidson was invited to a seat as Vice President.

On motion of Rev. M. J. S. Davidson the clergymen of the Union were requested to bring up the annual report of their work from time to time.

The Committee on Religious Exercises beg leave to report that Rev. A. B. Clark is to preach to-night; Rev. B. Ransom Alternate.

.The Committee on Enrollment of Ministers beg leave to report: Revs E Welmond, Wilkesboro, N. C.; E Eagles, Charlotte, N. C.; H. Washington..

Charlotte, N. C.; A Jones, Charlotte, N. C.; J. Steele, Charlotte, N. C.; T Barnwell, Paw Creek, N. C.; A. Ellis, King's Mountain, N. C.; S. Fox, Buffalo Paper Mills, N. C.; S Hunter, Shelby, N. C.; A Roberts, Buffalo Mills, N. C.; M. Roberts, Paper Mills, N. C.; John Oats, Paper Mills, N. C.; A. Johnson, King's Mountain, N. C.; W. S. Shuford, Lowesville, N, C.; M. J S. Davidson, Beattie's Ford, N C ; A B Clark, Grant Mounds Depot, N C: J J James, Catawba Station, N C; R B Lyon, Mooresville, N C; B Ransom, Stanly Creek, N C; L Van Eaton, Mocksville, N C; B F Watts , Cherryville, N C; A Smith, Wilkesboro, N C; A Borders, Statesville, N. C; R S Watts, Charlotte [dead) ; B J Hoke, Wood Lawn, N C; M Beam, Charlotte, N C;

Licentiates present : A Lewis, Charlotte, N C; S Long, Shelby; J Sherrill, Troutman's; G W Petty, Wilkesboro, C Riddles, C Henry, R Lemly, Davidson College; E Anderson, J Readman, W Millsop, H Jones,. Caldwell Station: T Rankins, Stanly Creek; A Johnson, King's Mountain.

A. JONES,
A. ROBERTS,
A. SCOTT,
G. PARKER.
Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. Roberts the report was received.

On motion of Bro. B. Ransom the Union adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. Black. Sung doxology. Benediction by the Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

Bro. A. Hunter sung hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King." Read the 10th chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Bro. A. Clark. Sung hymn 123. Preached from Hebrews 10th chap., 19, 20, 21 v. Sung hymn. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. Turner. Benediction by Bro. A. Clark.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 21, 1879.

The Union met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator called the House to order. Sung hymn 156, "When I can read." 66th Psalm was read. Prayer by Bro. M. Thomas. The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

On motion of Bro. N. Derr the minutes was read and received and the proper corrections made.

On motion of Bro. L. Hunter, we had preaching.

On motion of A Rankin, a committee of three was appointed on Finance, consisting of Bros. B J Hand, W Clark, E Black.

On motion of B Ransom a committee of five was appointed on enrollment

of a missionary, consisting of Bros. A Jones, J Scott, G Parker, H Roberts, Hunsucker.

On motion of B J Hand the letter was read from Rock Grove Church.

On motion of B Ransom the report on religious exercises was read.

Rev R B Lyons filled the stand at 1 o'clock, John S herrill Alternate.

On motion of A Roberts the Union adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Prayer by B Jingles. Sung doxology, Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Union met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the Chair.

Sung hymn 489; read the 20th chapter of St. Mark. Prayer was offered by Bro. J. Scott.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

On motion of A Rankin the minutes was read.

On motion of M. J. S. Davidson, the unfinished business was taken up.

On motion of M J S Davidson Bro. O. Lutterlough from the M E Church was invited to a seat with us.

On motion of A Roberts the letters was read and received.

The committee on religious exercises beg leave to report that A Ellis is to preach at 8 o'clock, J Readmond Alternate.

On motion of Bro. McMackins the Union adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer was offered by G Parker. Sung doxology. Benediction by the Moderator.

The committee on finance report a collection of $6 79.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 22, 1879.

The Union met according to adjournment, the President in the chair.

Sung hymn 224. Read a Psalm. Prayer was offered by L Hunter.

The Moderator declared the house ready for business.

On motion of A Black the roll of delegates was called.

On motion of B Ransom the minutes was read and received.

On motion of B Jingles the church at Clark's Chapel was brought up to the Union to be represented in the Union, but upon examination the church was found to be organized wrong. It was not received in the Union.

On motion of B Ranson the unfinished business was taken up.

On motion of A Jones a committtee of nine was appointed. consisting of B J Hand, A Rankin, L McMackins, E Black, B Jingles, A Roberts, M Thomas, W Clark, W Turner.

Committee on officers beg leaf to report: For President, Rev Ellice; for Vice President, Rev A B Clark; for Recording Secretary, Rev M Beam; for Corresponding Secretary, Rev W S Shuford; for treasurer, Bro B J Hand.

Rev A Jones is to preach the introductory sermon, Rev B R Lions, alternate. Committee: Bros B J Hand, A Rankin, E Black, Roberts, McMackins, M Thomas, H Hardy, B Jingles, W Turner.

Security was given by Bro B J Hand from Berean Association, Bros McMackins, A Rankin, from Shiloh; Bros B Jingles, A Roberts, E Black, from Mountain Catawba; Bros M Thomis, W Clark, A Hardy. On motion of Rev A Jones they were received for security given by B J Hand.

Committee beg leave to report on religious services: Rev John Sherrill will preach at 11 o'clock, a. m.; Rev B Ransom, alternate.

On motion of Bro B. J. Hand unfinished business was left on the table.

Rev B Ransom sung hymn 337 and read 4th c. of Ephesians. Prayer was offered by Rev B Ransom, sung hymn 373, "Shine almighty God."

Rev John Sherrill preached from Esther the 4th c. 3d v., "There was great mourning." Rev B Ransom sung hymn 280. Prayer was offered by Rev A Smith. Sung doxology.

We adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Friday Morning, August 22, 1879.

The Union was called to order by order by the president, who sung the 669 hymn and read the 3rd chap. of Eacleaiastics. Prayer was offered by Bro W Turner. The moderator pronounced the Union ready for business.

On motion of Bro A Rankin the minutes was read.

On motion of Bro J Scott they were received.

On motion of Bro B J Hand the roll was called On motion of Bro B Ransom unfinished business was taken up.

We your committee on religious services beg leave to report services by Rev J Readmond, willl preach at 11 a. m., B R Lyons, alternate.

On motion of A Rankins, a committee of nine was appointed on time and place for the next annual session. Committee; Bros Rankins, McMackins, Deer, Shipp, Jingles, McKiney, Gaither, Hunsucker, Turner.

On motion of Rev A Jones, a committee of five was appointed on temperance. Committee: Bros Jones Hunter, Ransom, Smith, Scott,

On motion of Rev E Ellis a committee of five was appointed on Sabbath Schools. Committee: Bros Ellis, Davidson, Sapp, Thomas, Wilson.

On motion of Bro M Beam, Masedoney Church was left on the table until to-morrow, and the money was payed.

Committee in time and place beg leave to report: The Union will convene at Pine Grove church on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1880, three miles South of Whiteker's Station, York county, S. C., on Air Line Railroad. Black's Station, two miles from the station.

On motion of Bro G Parker, Masedoney was received.

On motion of Rev A B Clark a committee of five was appointed on resolution. Committee: Bros Parker, Clark, Hardy, Cockrum, Stephenson.

We your committee on temperance beg leave to report: We believe strong drink is a great evil in the sight of God, and it is one of the great causes by which the devil leads the sons of men to the gates of death and by indulging in the habit it will bring disgrace in our family and on our children, it will cause them to cry for bread and help, to bind our sons and daughters

and drag them to the State prisons and break the hearts of men's wives and cause them to loose their souls, and all drunkards to go down to hell with the stain of the liquid fire on them. Therefore, let every minister and deacon, in their churches, do all they can to destroy the evil, let every child of God go to work against prohibition Committee : Bros Ransom, Smith; Jones, chairman; Hunter, Scott. On motion of Bro McMackins, the report on temperance was received.

On motion the report on Sabbath School was read. We your committee on Sabbath School beg leave to report : We believe that a Sabbath school is a good and noble work. Now we do advise every member of all the Baptist churches and all other churches to do all they can in carrying on this good work, for it is the foundation of building up the cause of Christ's kingdom. we beg the head of every family to send their children to the Sabbath school; there they will learn "the golden rule." Committee : Bros A Ellis, chairman; Thomis, Davidson, Millsap, Wilson.

On motion of Rev A James, a committee of three was appointed on ministeral character. Committee; Bros Hand Thomis, Scott.

On motion of Rev M J S Davidson we adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer was offered by Bro W Clark. Sung doxology. Benediction by the moderator.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday Morning, August 23, 1879.

The Union met pursuant to adjournment. The president in the chair. Sung hymn 2nd. The 133d Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Bro S Hunsucker. The moderator pronounced the Union ready for business.

On motion of Bro S Hunter the roll was called. On motion of Bro E Black the roll of ministers was called. On motion of Bro Neal Derr, the minutes was read. On motion of Bro Neal Deer, unfinished business was taken up. On motion of Rev A Ellis, the report on resolution was read.

Appendix.

Resolution.—We, the committee beg leave to report that this Union recommend to all the churches not to hold fellowship with any members who is or shall be hereafter, shall be expelled from any regular missionary Baptist churches. Any member or church, or association, violating this rule shall be considered as out of order, disregard to the authority of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let him be to the church a heathen and a publican We furthermore advise all Baptist churches not to commune with other denominations, for in as much as he have said, be ye perfectly joined together in one mind and one judgment and one body and one spirit. Committee : Bros Parker. Cochrum, Hardy, Stephenson, Clark.

On motion of Bro A Roberts the report was received.

We your committee beg leave to report on ministerial charactor. We believe the ministers of Christ ought to be the humblest men in the world ; they ought to be exact in all thing ; ffrst God and then to man, and forget self and know no man but Christ and him crucified. He should be a man of thorough and sound in the faith, and he should not preach anything but the whole truth. Therefore let it be

Resolved : We will not fellowship any minister in the bounds of the Union who are found any other way. I ask you all to look out for the wolf

for there are many. Let no minister in your pulpit unless you know who he is. He should have a recommendation signed by good men of the same faith and order. We advise every church if they have a good pastor to keep him as long as they can, treat him well and the Lord will bless you. Committee: Bros Hand, Scott, Thomis.

We have received the sum of 45 cents from the delegates of the Union for violating the constitution and rules of order.

On motion of Rev A Jones an amendment was made in the 6th article in the constitution and an amendment was made in the head of the constitution.

On motion of Rev M J S Davidson on the report from the missionary fund, Rev B Ransom acting Secretary, $36.30 cents.

On motion of Rev A Jones, the missionaries will be fixed per annum and pay for the time to which he works.

On motion of Rev A Jones we adjourned for preaching at the hour of 12 o'clock M.. and meet at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev A Smith preached, Rev C Brown, alternate.

Afternoon Session.

Met the appointed time. Moderator in the chair. Sung hymn 3rd. Read the 5th chap. of Matthew. Prayer was offered by Bro G Redmond. The moderator declared the house ready for bnsiness.

On motion of Bro Shipp the minutes was read. On motion of Bro Hunter the roll of delegates was called. On motion of Rev B Ransom unfinished business was taken up. Bro J James preached at 3 o'clock, P. M., Bro A Borders, alternate.

On motion of Bro A Roberts we have agreed to stop Bro Ransom's being cut short of finance. He traveled about six months. We want money in the treasurer to start another brother on the field.

On motion of Bro B Gingles, a committee was appointed on missionary for the next term. Committee: Bros Clark, Hill, Hardey, Roberts, Gingles, Hand, Rankin, E Black, Derr.

On motion of Rev A Jones for Rev R Ransom he returned thanks for the benevolence of the brethren and sisters of the Union and the neighbors also.

On motion of Rev B Ransom the report on missionary preachers was received. Rev B Ransom withdrawed from the missionary, aud Rev A Jones was elected to travel on the field.

On motion of Bro McMackins, chairman of the finance committee, the money paid in the was $6.78 cents.

On motion of Rev A Ellis, was to make an amendment to the minutes.

On motion of Rev A Borders the missionary salary was fixed at $200 dollars per annum.

On motion of Rev A B Clark the missionary traveling authorties is to be written out by clerk of the Union.

On motion of Rev B Ransom they are to have $1 per day for writing out the manuscripts of the Union.

On motion of Rev A B Clark, a committee of three was appointed. Committee: Rev A Jones, Rev. W S Shuford, Rev M Beam.

The President gave a short address to the Union.

On motion of Rev A Jones, we will stand adjourned sine die.

Prayer was offered,by Rev M J S Davidson.

The Missionary Board will meet at Springfield Church, Brevard Station, Gaston county, N. C., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in February, 1880.

Missionary Report of Rev. B. Ransom.

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Miles travelled, 725. Sermons preached, 75. Sabbath Schools organized, 8. Churches organized —— I found several churches without pastors and I applied for some for them. I received on the field: Charlotte First church 1.60c. Salem, 2.95. Mt Sinia, 72c. Springfield, 2.15. Fancy Hill, 80c. Bethel, 80c. Washington, 4.51. Shelby, 3.31. Long Branch, 35c. Pine Grove, 3.19. Gold Hill, 3.82. Center, 1.15, Macedonia, 50c. Liberty Hill, 1.95. Pleasant Hill, 10c. Thankful, 50c. New Prospect, 63c Third Creek, 60c. St James, 45c. Smith's Grove, 45c. Received from different churches, $4.80. Total amount received, $36.31.

Western Baptist Missionary Berean Association. First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N C., 262 members; Clear Creek, 13 members; Mt Olive, 43 members; Mt Moriah, 13 members, not represented. We hope that they will meet with us in the Union in 1880

The Gold Hill Association joined the Union; represented by ——— McCurriz. He also represented other churches. Name not known.

Colored Shiloh Baptist Association, with 12 churches, not represented. Shelby, 1025; Lincolnton, 21; Long Branch, 67; Dallas, 10 1; Boyd's Friendship, 69; Flint Hill, 25; Sardies, 69: Fishing Creek, 60; Green Bethel, 24; Langum Branch, 22; Hopewell, 25; Mt Sinia.

Mountain and Catawba Baptist Association. Friendship, 45; Cedar Creek, 51; Macedonia, 9; Pleasant Hill, 12; Damascus, 33; Thankful, 50; Chinquepin Grove, 18—not represented.

RULES.

I.—The Moderator shall preside and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered; and when two or more rise to speak at the same time, he shall name the one entitled to the floor. Motions made and secondad shall be stated by the Moderator, previous to any discussion thereof.

II.—When a member is about to speak or commnicate any information, he shall rise and address the moderator, and confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

III.—No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave.

IV.—No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Union without leave of the Moderator.

V.—Brethren invited to seats shall have the privilege of debate but not of voting.

VI.—A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, except when voting, or a member is speaking; and shall be decided without debate.

VII.—The minutes shall be read, subject to correction, at the commencement of every morning session.

VIII.—These rules shall be read at each session immediately after the organization.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Bsdy shall be known as the "Western Baptist Missionary Union.

ART. 2. It shall consist of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members. Every Church connected with the Union shall be entitled to send three delegates includidg its pastor.

ART. 3. The objects of the Union shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; and the free interchange of views upon the subjects pertaining to individual godliness, the spiritual prosperity of the churches and the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ART. 4. This Union shall meet on the Wednesday before the first Lord's day in September; the meeting shall open with religious services.

ART. 5. Each Church and Association connected with this Union, shall send annually a letter containing an account of its history during the year preceeding, specifying the number added by Baptism, by letter, by experience and restoration, the number removed by dismission, by exclusion, by erasure and by death; the whole number then in fellowship and the amount of money raised for all purposes during the year. If any church shall neglect for three successive years to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Union.

ART. 6.—The officers of the Union shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by bollot, and shall continue in office until the election of their successors. The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings, nominate all committees, and take the direction of all the religious services. The Clerk shall record all the transactions and superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Union, and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors or the votes of the Union.

ART. 7. The Union may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order

ART 8. Ench Church shall send by its delegates money for the publication of the minutes, and shall receive in return its quota of the minutes.

ART. 9. The Union shall not, in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the Churches; but it may dissolve its connection with any Church, which, after proper examinatiou, shall be judged by the Union to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 10. The Union shall at each annual meeting appoint a preacher for the next meeting and also a person to write the Circular Letter, or Fraternal Address to the Churches.

ART. This Constitution may be altered or ammended at any annual meeting of the Unioy, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Members Restored.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter.	Deaths.	Excluded.	Membership.	Contributions.	Paid to Missionary.
New Prospect,	Sherrill's Ford,	A. Clalk	0	0	1	2	1	1	31	48	0
Gold Hill,	Lowesville,	W. S. Shuford	12	5			2	15	119	1	425
Washington,	Buffola Paper Mills,	A. Ellis	0	0					108	50	457
Liberty *H*ill,	Catawba Station,	W. S. Shuford	4	5		5			54	50	14
Fancy Hill,	*H*igh Shoals,	M. J. S. Davidson	0	11	2	2		1	42	50	80
Third Creek,	Alexander county,	W. S. Shuford	2	1		3		0	52	0	60
St. Peters,	Statesville,	A. B. Clark	0			1		3	12	30	40
*R*ock Grove,	Beattie's Ford,	W. S. Shuford	1						28	75	70
Centre,	Pin *H*ook,	H. Washington	0							50	115
Bethel,	Woodlawn,	A. Jones							37	50	
Salem,	Paw Creek,	T. Barnwell	4	8		1	2		48	50	225
Mount Sinai,	Woodlawn,	"	1	2					49	50	70
Springfield,	Stanley Creek,	M. J. *S.* Davidson	1	11			3	10	145	100	315
Pine Grove,	Black's Station,	*S.* Hunter							123	50	319
St. James,	Troutman's Depot,	J. Sherrill		12				2	40	51	405
Smith Grove,		E. Wellmond	1					1	18	30	140